

# FULTON COUNTY PIONEER



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**Friday, April 21, 2023**  
**1:00 P.M. (SOLD OUT) Matinee & 7:00 P.M.**  
**Fayette Opera House 105 E. Main Street**  
**Tickets \$5.00 presold or door. Members FREE!**

Beverly Miller, a former member, was familiar with this play and before she passed, she expressed a desire for the Museum to share it with the community. After working on the details for some time, we are now able to honor Beverly's wishes. This satirical yet sometimes humorous travelling play centers around the displacement of indigenous people from their native lands. It tries to open our hearts and minds to the misery suffered by some at the hands of others, and provides a starting point for further conversation on what it means to *own* something and the relationship between ownership and taking responsibility.

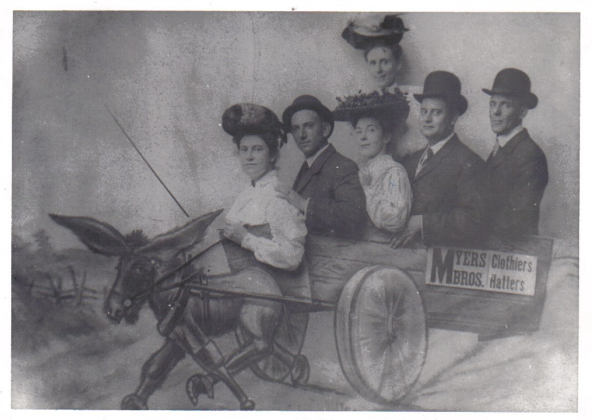
The play's author, Allison Casella Brookins is a pastor of Chicago Community Mennonite Church, and it is performed by Ted Swartz and Michelle Milne, both friends of Bev Miller.

*"The impact on me was as strong as what "The Color Purple" did to me 30 years ago."* — David

 [MuseumofFultonCounty.org](http://MuseumofFultonCounty.org)

## Meet Me At The Fair Exhibit

Before motion pictures, television, and cell phones, Fulton County residents hosted and planned trips to extravagant exhibitions and fairs-both at home and across the United States. The Fulton County Fair has been one of the best for many decades. This special exhibit will open Saturday, June 3rd. A special preview for members will be on Friday, June 2nd, 4 - 6 P.M.



## Old-Fashioned Chicken Barbecue

Community picnics were popular on the courthouse lawn in 1852, so in keeping with tradition, we are offering a barbecue chicken dinner for your enjoyment at the museum during the annual Thresher's Convention. Carry out orders can be picked up at the museum beginning at 5 P.M. on June 24th.

\$15 Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling 419-337-7922 or visiting [museumoffultoncounty.org](http://museumoffultoncounty.org) gift shop



## New Acquisitions

This picture and card were given to us by Lois Creager of Napoleon, a friend of Marjorie Whiteman. The note explains the picture pretty well. Jim Roosevelt, son of President Roosevelt, sent the picture and the note to Ms. Whiteman knowing that this was a memorable moment, and he wanted to share it with her. We want to give a special "Thank you" to Lois for adding this to our Whiteman Collection.

*I wanted you to have this copy of the original photograph of my father signing the Social Security Act on August 14, 1935*  
*Jim Roosevelt.*



## 1916 Tax Notice

Anyone that complains about completing income tax forms needs to stop by the Museum and take a look at the Tax Forms of the State of Ohio in 1915. The first page was the instructions on how to make your own form! Completing these forms was no small task. Farmers had to list the number and estimate the value of horses, cattle, sheep, and other animals, cars and trucks, machinery, grain, wool, and bee hives plus anything else related to the farm. The numbers reported had to be correct as of April 15th of the year reporting. This seems almost impossible as these prices vary from day to day, at least today. Farmers also had to list the number of acres planted with each crop and how much was produced. Next was household items such as furniture, gold and silver, books and jewelry, watches and pianos. The amount of cash on hand or in a bank had to be listed. Everyone got a \$100.00 exemption of personal property but only if all form were returned to the county auditor before May 1st.

There were a few exemptions: stocks in Ohio corporations, Ohio bonds and U.S. bonds. Persons who failed to file the papers with the county were subject to losing the \$100.00 exemption and may have been liable to a fifty percent penalty. This bit of trivia belonged to Charles Taylor of Archbold.



## Mother's Day Tea

Don't forget to make your reservations for the Mother's Day Tea. Choose to honor your mother, relative, or friend on this special day.

**May 13, 2023**

Seatings at 11:00, 12:00 & 1:00

Reservations are needed

419-337-7922

or

[museumoffultoncounty.org](http://museumoffultoncounty.org)

## We Apologize!

We omitted a special lady's name in the Winter Newsletter list of annual donors.

Doris Provost has been a generous contributor to the museum for many years. Thank you, Doris. We apologize for the omission. We will try to do better next time.

## Friends of Lauber Hill Report



Friends of Lauber Hill met on March 13th with 10 members attending. The following is a synopsis of the business discussed:

The Meeting House is officially the Fulton County Historical Society's. A new deed was created and transferred. There will be no land tax because we are a non-profit agency. Toledo Edison has established an account and Kinsman Gas Company will continue to provide the propane. Lawn care will be coordinated with the person taking care of the cemetery. A self-contained bathroom facility will be incorporated at some point. Two trees need to be removed when weather permits.

The Reformed Mennonite Conference no longer sees this building as a church, as they believe that the congregation members are the church, not the building. The conference is still committed to maintaining its cemetery at Lauber Hill.

Jerry Griffin and John Swearingen are working on the language for an Ohio Historical Marker at Lauber Hill. Historically accurate text needs to be submitted to the state by May 1st. The group also discussed a need for a directional sign on the corner of US 20A to point travelers to the site.

The next meeting will be on May 15th at 3:00 P.M. at the Lauber Hill site. Discussion will include plans for the open house on July 23rd as well as the regular business of the committee.

### 2023 Museum Hours

Monday—Saturday 10 A.M.—4:00P.M.  
Sundays Noon—4 Memorial Day thru Labor Day

## From The President

Dear Members and Friends,

In the last newsletter, I wrote about changes that were coming, including dividing a previous employee position into two part time positions. We were fortunate to hire two very capable people who are bringing valuable experience, fresh ideas and energy to their positions. As we break into spring, Kate Huiskens, Marketing Events Manager, has developed a new marketing plan and begun to enhance our social media presence. Doris Piercefield, Business Operations Manager, has restocked the Legacy Shop with some past favorites and many new offerings that connect with our programming. In the future, you will be receiving information about new programs and activities that Doris and Kate are planning. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to learn new things, have fun, and support the Society.

Though we are blessed with a core group of dedicated volunteers, it has become clear to the trustees that to maintain and grow the excellent programs offered by the Society, we must increase the number of volunteers who are willing to give their time and talents to the Society. To help, I have appointed a special committee to work with Doris and Kate to review our volunteer program. This committee is charged with developing strategies to provide ways for volunteers to serve at the Museum or at our events. The committee will design and offer appropriate volunteer training opportunities to ensure that our volunteers feel prepared for success. The committee will also help Doris and Kate in the recruitment of volunteers. Volunteering is an opportunity for you to help the Society in a non-financial way through a gift of your time. If you and a friend, would like to volunteer together or you have a specific day and time you are available, we will work with you to accommodate your schedule. If you are interested in exploring these volunteer opportunities, please contact Doris by calling at 419-337-7922. If she is not available leave a message and she will contact you. as soon as possible. As always, we appreciate your continued support.

John Myles, President

## Retirement Platform Daily Routine

- 7:00 A.M. Wake up and laugh at the silent alarm clock , which has been turned off the night before.
- 7:00 to 7:01 Brisk calisthenics, lying in bed.
- 7:00 to 9:00 Go back to sleep.
- 9:00 to 9:30 Debate whether to shave, answer no
- 9:30 to 10:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 to 11:00 Give wife orders of the day and point out her errors of the day before.
- 11:00 to 11:15 Coffee Break, spent resting on sofa
- 11:15 to 12:15 Front porch rocking chair session making plans on how to spend tomorrow in a constructive way.
- 12:15 to 12:30 Coffee with neighbor
- 12:30 to 1:30 Lunch: Beef sandwich, apple pie and cheese
- 1:30 to 1:35 Read good book to improve mind
- 1:35 to 3:00 Nap on sofa
- 3:00 to 3:15 Coffee break
- 3:15 to 4:45 Back porch rocking chair session to get benefit of afternoon sun. Review morning plans for tomorrow; decide It is a bad day to start any new projects.
- 4:45 to 5:00 Inspect vegetable garden; point out to wife areas where she should do more hoeing.
- 5:00 to 8:30 cocktail hour
- 8:30 to 9:30 Dinner: steak, salad, mashed potatoes and gravy, ice cream
- 9:30 to 11:59 Discuss with wife why world is going to pot; lay out her work schedule for next day.
- 11:59 to 12:00 Write postcard to boss saying how much you miss the old office gang, and how much you're chopping at the bit to get back.
- 12:00 to 12:01 Go to bed with second good book of the day to improve mind.
- 12:01 Throw book out window and fall asleep.

**Man, dat's livin! I just can't hardly wait.**  
(Author Unknown)

Compliments of  
L.R.Hackett  
Wauseon, O.



## Heritage Alliance Events

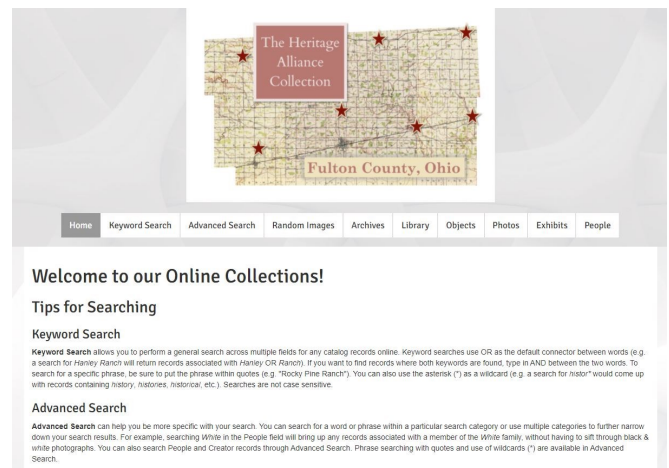
### Bean Creek Valley History Center

If you like old barns, paintings of old barns and stories of old barns, don't miss this event. Robert Kroger will be here to do a painting demonstration and tell stories about the barns he has painted in Ohio counties.

The demonstration painting will be raffled off at the end of the day. He will also be signing copies of his book *Historic Barns of Ohio*. Other books from the History Press will also be available. All sales will benefit the History Center.

This event will take place at:

Little Lou's Chicken Coop  
The Brick and Thistle Farm  
20860 County Road H  
Archbold, Ohio



The Heritage Alliance welcomes cataloging help from new volunteers. Facebook Contacts:

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[OGSFulton](#)  
[Bean-Creek-Valley-History-Center-Inc](#)  
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